FLOAT-
FLOAT-

SHOOT!
MY SUPER POWER
RAN DRY.
MESSY
IT'LL TAKE
OVER A DAY TO
RECOVER...

HUH??
A SHIP!
THAT'S
A SHIP!!

HELP ME!!
HELP, HELP—
A SIDEKICK IS...
I MEAN, SOMEONE
IS HERE!!!

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SIDEKICKS

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SUPUBLIC

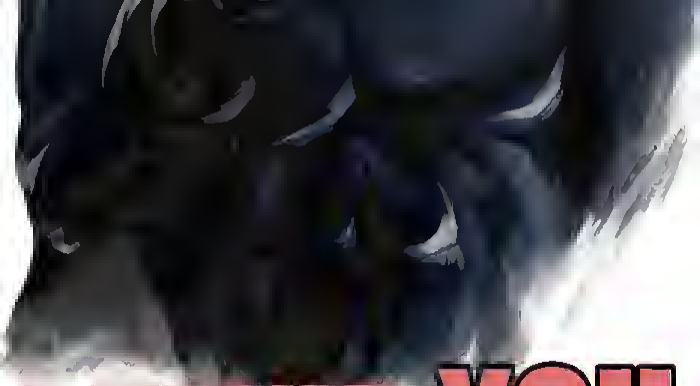
A NEOLOGISM

THAT DESCRIBES HUMAN BEINGS

WHO ARE BORN WITH SUPER POWERS.

THE BEST HONOR
THAT SUPUBLICS CAN HAVE IS
TO BECOME SUPERHEROES.

SUPERHERO DARKSLUG



I WANT YOU FOR MY SIDEKICK

JOB OPENING FOR THE SUPERHERO,

DARKSLUG'S SIDEKICK

BUT THERE IS A HURDLE THAT

MUST BE PASSED

TO BECOME A SUPERHERO.

THE FIRST HURDLE IS TO BECOME A "SIDEKICK", A SUPERHERO'S ASSISTANT.

THERE ARE A LOT OF HEROES IN THE WORLD
BUT THERE'S ONLY ONE THAT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO ASSIST.
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IT'S YOU, SIR.
DARKSLUG!
PASS.

AT THAT TIME,
I DIDN'T KNOW.

THAT DARKSLUG, WHO HAD BEEN
MY IDOL SINCE I WAS YOUNG, IS

VROOM

A REAL
ABUSIVE BOSS!!

AN EXPLOITIVE EMPLOYER!
SLAP
HEY!
SLAP
HEY!
WINO!!

JACKASS...
YOU!!
WAKE UP!

SERIOUSLY!
WHAP

YOU LOOK LIKE SOMEONE'S SIDEKICK BASED ON YOUR ELASTIC CLOTHES. WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
AH... I WAS STOPPING A PLANE CRASH AND I WAS LEFT ADRIFT ...
ANYWAY, THANK YOU...
THROB

CLANK
FOR SAVING..?
CLANK

HUH?
WHAT... IS THIS??
RELAX. I'M LETTING YOU GO.
CLANK
CHING

JUST RUN WITHOUT LOOKING BACK.

I'LL GET IN TROUBLE IF I GOT INVOVLED WITH YOU, SIDEKICK OR NOT.

GET OFF THIS SHIP.
RATTLE RATTLE
WHO IS HE?
THE WAY HE'S TALKING IS FREAKING RUDE.

S-SORRY...
I CAN'T USE MY SUPER POWERS RIGHT NOW.
DO YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE A LIFEBOAT OR SOMETHING?
SIGH~
WHAT? ARE YOU REALLY A SIDEKICK?

SO ANNOYING. FOLLOW ME!
DON'T MAKE A FUSS AND JUST KEEP GOING IF YOU'RE SEEN!
WHAT'S HE SAYING? THAT JERK...

PIT-A-PAT
BAULK
WAIT!

SSH

H-HEY...

THERE ARE SOME CHILDREN TRAPPED IN THERE!!

HELP!
PLEASE...
HELP US.

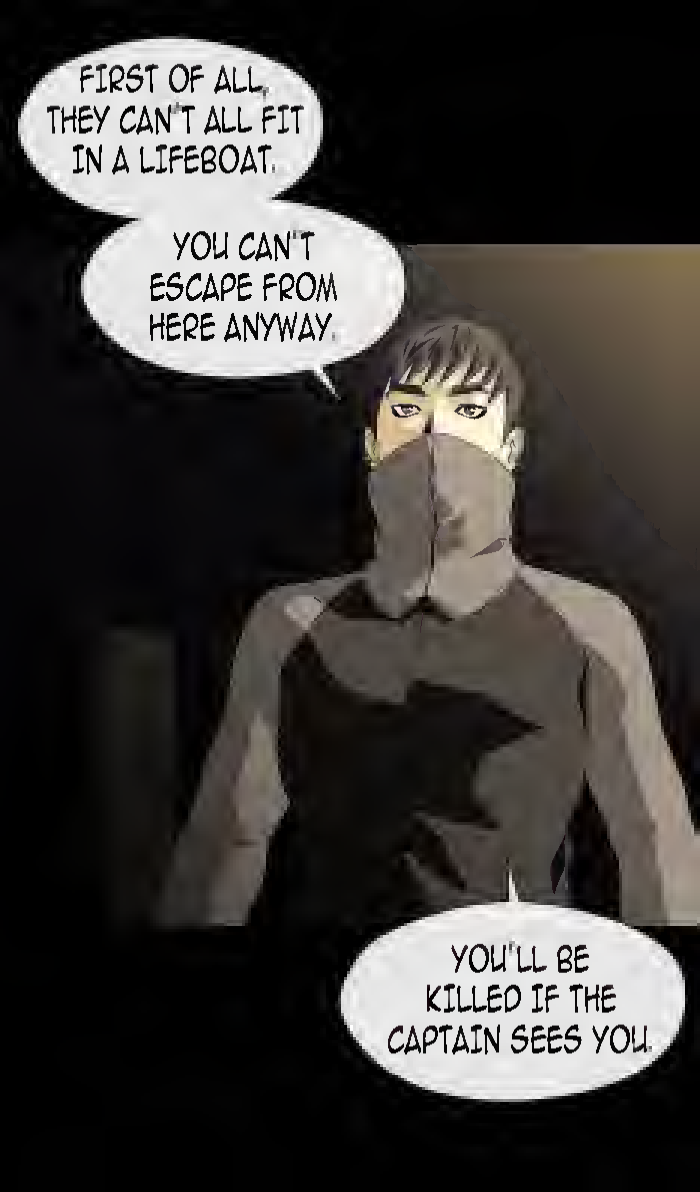
HEY, YOU.
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
I TOLD YOU. YOU'D BETTER LEAVE.

ARE YOU PART OF THIS?
WOOSH-
GIVE ME THE KEYS!!!

KUNK

WHACK

HUH...?
WAS THAT A
SUPER POWER?
KRRUMP
THAT MEANS
HE'S A SUPUBLIC?


FIRST OF ALL, THEY CAN'T ALL FIT IN A LIFEBOAT.
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE FROM HERE ANYWAY.
YOU'LL BE KILLED IF THE CAPTAIN SEES YOU.

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE? WHY AM I HERE? AND WHY ARE THE CHILDREN TRAPPED?
AND WHO THE HECK IS THAT SUPUBLIC?
HANG ON! IT'S TOO OBVIOUS NOW! THIS MUST BE...

IN ORDER TO EVALUATE MY ABILITIES AND NATURE, I AM BEING TESTED...
HA HA I KNEW IT...
THIS IS A SIMULATION TEST!

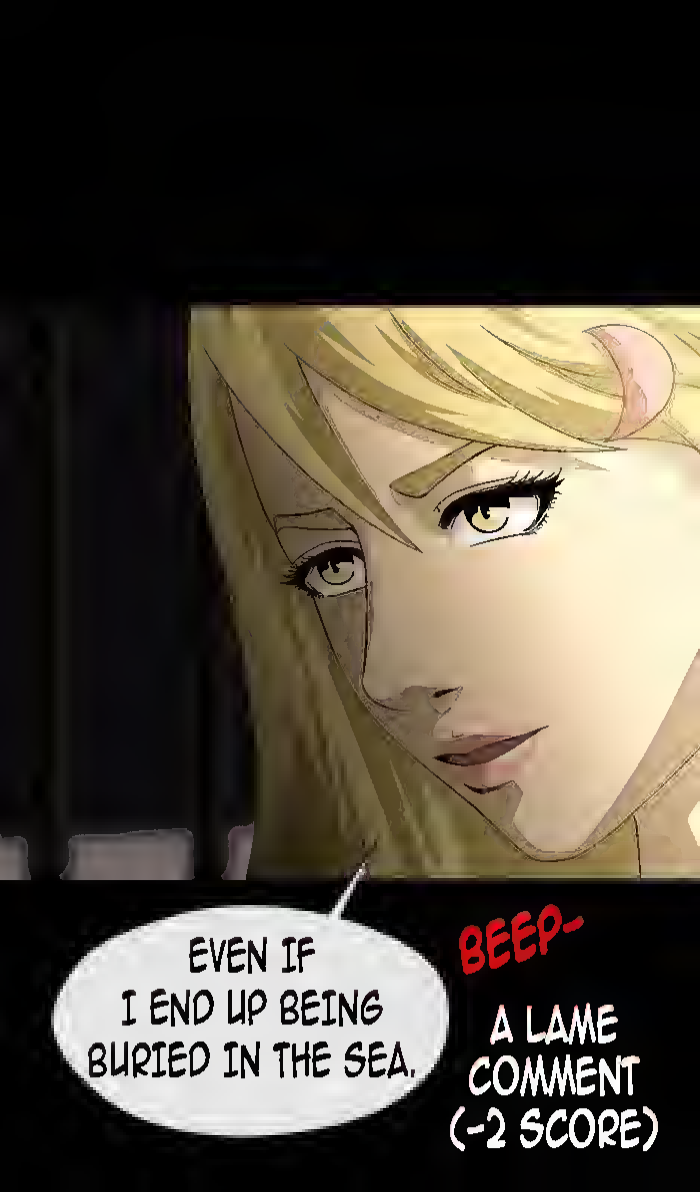
I NEED TO GET GOOD GRADES ON MY MASTER HERO'S EVALUATIONS. THEY ARE SUBMITTED REGULARLY.
I'M SUPPOSED TO EVALUATE YOUR
PERFORMANCE NEXT MONTH, RIGHT?
AND SIMULATION TESTS ARE CONDUCTED RANDOMLY. THESE, PLUS MY ACTUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS, HELP RAISE MY STATUS.

THE MINIMUM SCORE TO BE A HERO IS 50,000.
MY SCORE, FOR NOW, IS 242.
MUMBLE MUMBLE
.....
GOGGLE-
MUMBLE MUMBLE
IF I CAN GET 8 POINTS FOR MAKING A BOLD STATEMENT AND 50 FOR SAVING CHILDREN
THEN CAN I GET 300 IN THAT CASE?

GOSH! YOU'RE DRIVING ME CRAZY.
HEY! THOSE CHILDREN ARE NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
KNOCK IT OFF!
SSSH
EVEN THOUGH MY SUPER POWERS ARE RECOVERING.

I'M A HERO'S SIDEKICK.
BONG~
A COMMENT FULL OF HEROIC BELIEF (+3 SCORE)
THIS IS WHAT I DO.

I'LL SAVE EVERY SINGLE CHILD!
BONG~
A BOLD COMMENT COMBO (+5 SCORE)


EVEN IF
I END UP BEING
BURIED IN THE SEA.
BEEP-
A LAME
COMMENT
(-2 SCORE)

WHAT'S SHE SAYING?
GEEZ...

CRAZY.
ZOOM

CRA-
SH

CAR-RAM

HOBBLE
HOBBLE
A RAT HIDING IN MY BOAT
HAS RELEASED THE MICE THAT I CAUGHT.
HUH?

WELCOME TO MY BOAT, "THE SEA OF ABYSS."
HI, MS. SIDEKICK!

IS THAT... CAPTAIN RODRIGUEZ?!
WOW~
THIS SIMULATION IS SO REAL.

YOU WANNA SAVE CHILDREN BY SACRIFICING YOURSELF, HUH?
FWOOOM-

GO AHEAD
IF THAT'S WHAT
YOU WANT.

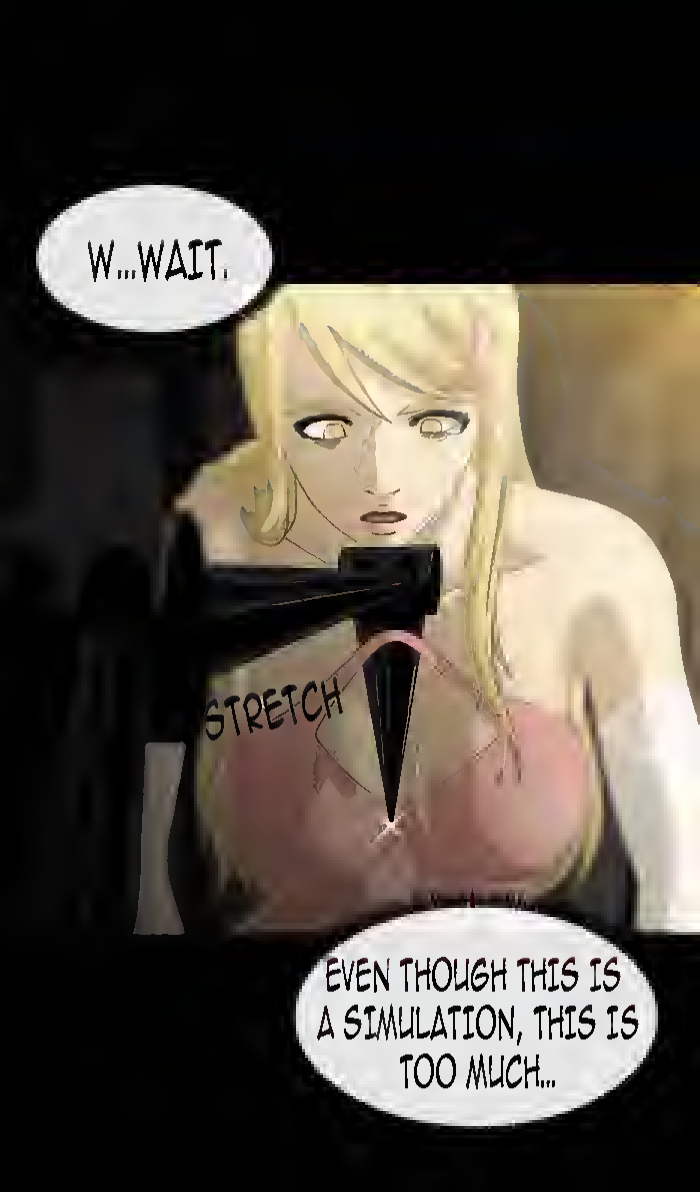
PA-
NG

BONG~

SAVING CHILDREN BY BEING A HUMAN SHIELD. (+10 SCORE)

HEY, YOU! PRETTY MISS SIDEKICK
CLANK
WHO IS YOUR MASTER HERO?

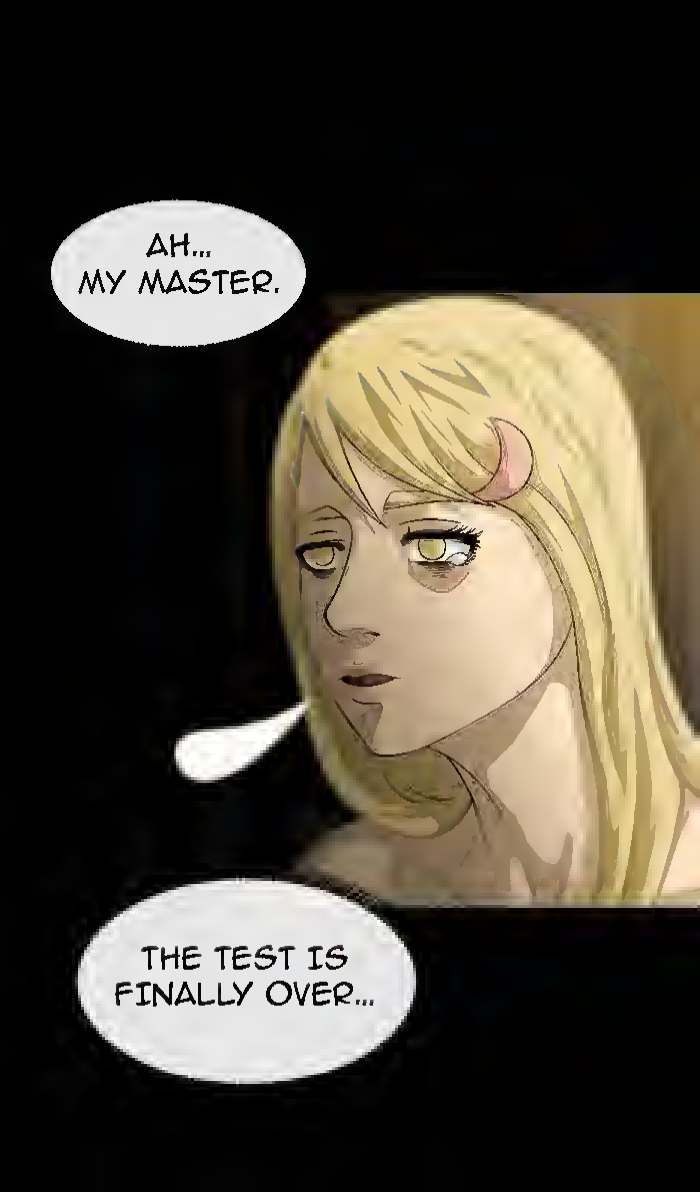
LET ME TEAR OFF YOUR CLOTHES
AND SEND IT TO YOUR HERO AS A RELIC.


W...WAIT.
STRETCH
EVEN THOUGH THIS IS A SIMULATION, THIS IS TOO MUCH...

CAR-
RA

THUD

SSHHHHHH-


AH...
MY MASTER.
THE TEST IS
FINALLY OVER...

POP
ALL RIGHT, GUYS. YOU GUYS DID A GOOD JOB.
AH, IS IT DONE?
TOO BAD. I WAS ENJOYING...
CLAP
CLAP

NICE JOB, DREAM GIRL.
CONGRATULATIONS ON PASSING THE FIRST SIMULATION TEST.
YOU DESERVE TO BE MY SIDEKICK.
THANKS, MASTER...
PLEASE BE GENEROUS WITH MY SCORE.

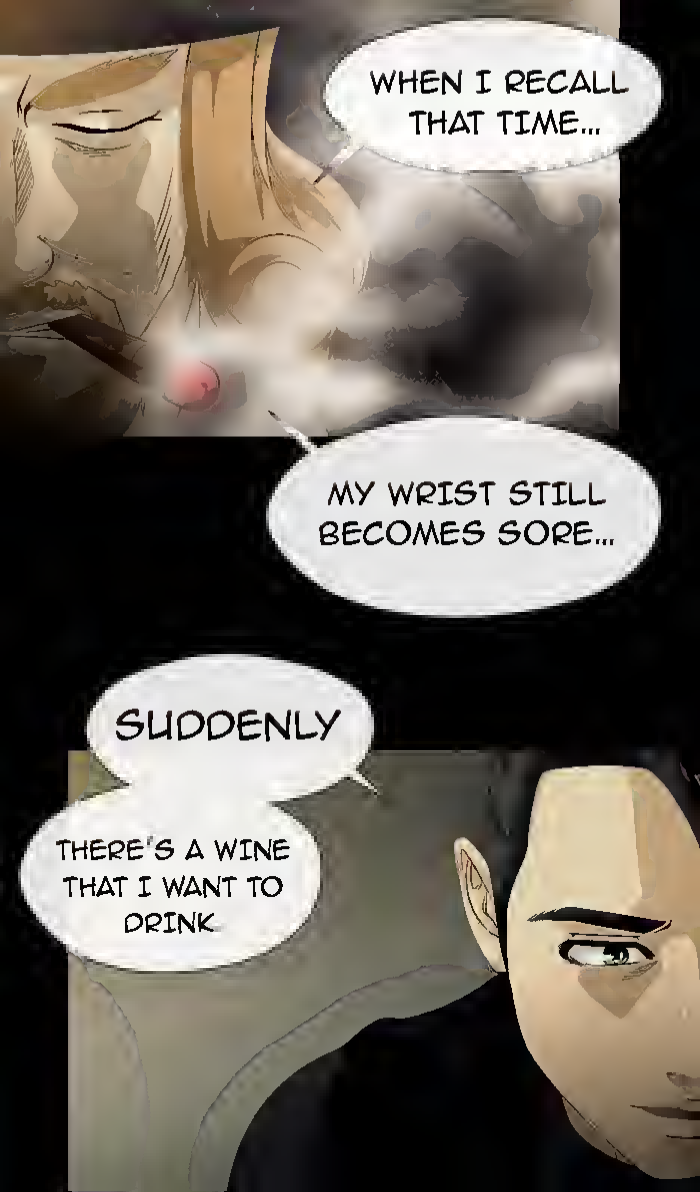
NICE JOB, BREAM BIRD.
CONGRATULATIONS ON PASSING THE FIRST SIMULATION TEST.
THANK, MASTER!!!
PLEASE BE GENEROUS WITH MY REWARD.

POP
THANKS, MASTER...
PLEASE BE GENEROUS WITH MY SCORE.
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
HEY, DREAM GIRL!!
WAKE UP!!
SHE'S TOTALLY OUT OF HER MIND.

SCORE? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE THE PLANE CRASH WAS RESOLVED
YOU WERE GONE FOR A WHILE SO I CAME HERE TO FIND YOU.
WHAT?

LONG TIME NO SEE, DARKSLUG.
IS SHE YOUR SIDEKICK? WHAT AN ILL-FATED RELATIONSHIP.
MY LIFE IS UNCOMFORTABLE WITHOUT YOU.

REMEMBER?
THE FIGHT AT MIDWAY ISLANDS...
DREAM GIRL.
I'M GIVING YOU AN ORDER.


WHEN I RECALL THAT TIME...
MY WRIST STILL BECOMES SORE...
SUDDENLY
THERE'S A WINE THAT I WANT TO DRINK

FINALLY I'M WITH THE MAN WHO TOOK MY WRIST AND LEG...
SHATEAU CHEVAL BLANC 1947. GO GET A BOTTLE OF IT.
WHAT?

DREAM GIRL. FOCUS!!
WHAT'S THE NAME AGAIN?!
SHATEAU... CHEVAL BLANC
1947...?

GOOD!
DON'T FORGET TO GET IT ON YOUR WAY BACK!!
WHOOSH-

SWOOP-
DARKSLUG!!!
MASTER, HE'S JUST GON...

HOW DARE HE IGNORE ME?!!
KLA-
NK
T-THIS...

THIS ISN'T A SIMULATION?!!
GRAB
I'M GONNA BREAK YOUR SIDEKICK'S NECK!!

DARKSLUG!
CRUNCH
ACK!

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